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1. JOBERT RETURNED TO FRANCE AUG 28 AFTER ADDITIONAL WORKING SESSION WITH LOPEZ RODO, LUNCHEON AND PRESS CONFERENCE.

2. OFFICIAL JOINT COMMUNIQUE (FULL TEXT BY POUCH TO EUR/IB) STRESSED FOLLOWING POINTS: A. MEDITERRANEAN PROBLEMS ARE IMMINENTLY LINKED TO EUROPEAN SECURITY. THEREFORE, BOTH COUNTRIES AGREED THAT NON-EUROPEAN MEDITERRANEAN STATES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO EXPRESS THEIR POINTS OF VIEW IN CSCE ON PROBLEMS WHICH DIRECTLY EFFECT THEM. B. LOPEZ RODO EXPLAINED THE SPANISH POSITION ON GIBRALTAR, WHICH THE FRENCH FOMIN "NOTED WITH INTEREST." C. THE FRENCH FOMIN REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S FULL SUPPORT FOR THE SPANISH DESIRE TO GRADUALLY BROADEN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE
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COMMUNITY TO THE POINT OF ITS FULL PARTICIPATION. D. FOMINS AGREED

TO CONTINUE PERIODIC CONTACTS AND LOPEZ RODO ACCEPTED INVITATION FOR OFFICIAL VISIT TO FRANCE WITHIN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

3. SHORTLY BEFORE DEPARTING SAN SEBASTIAN, JOBERT GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE, IN WHICH HE MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AS REPORTED IN THE PRESS (REPORTED MORE EXTENSIVELY IN OTHER PAPERS THAN IN LOPEZ RODO-CONTROLLED NUEVO DIARIO): A. FRENCH POSITION ON PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT WITH SPAIN AND EVENTUAL INTEGRATION OF SPAIN INTO THE EEC: FRANCE WISHES TO SEE SPAIN ENTER THE COMMON MARKET AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE AND EVEN INTO THE "EUROPEAN ORGANIZATION" WHICH DOESN'T HAVE EXACTLY THE SAME SIGNIFICANCE. HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ECONOMIC INTEREST, AND THE PRESENT WORLD SITUATION LEAD FRANCE TO THIS CONCLUSION. FOR SPAIN THIS QUESTION REPRESENTS A PROBLEM OF ADAPTATION TO EUROPE. SPAIN CAN RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM OF ADAPTATION BY SEEKING ASSOCIATION OR MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMON MARKET OR BY PRESENTING ITSELF JUST AS IT PRESENTLY IS: A VERY ACTIVE ECONOMIC PARTNER OF THE EEC. IN EFFECT THIS LATTER COURSE IS WHERE WE FIND OURSELVES AT PRESENT AND IN OCTOBER IN BRUSSELS WE WILL DISCUSS HOW SPAIN CAN ENJOY A PREFERENTIAL SITUATION IN THE ENLARGED COMMON MARKET. THE CONDITIONS OF THIS PREFERENTIAL AGREEMENT HAVE STILL TO BE DEBATED, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THAT EACH PARTY HAS ITS OWN INTERESTS AND ALSO THE FACT THAT THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT ARE OF LESS IMMEDIACY...WHICH THINGS, THOUGH, MAY REALLY NOT BE SO FAR IN THE FUTURE AS APPEARS AT THE MOMENT. B. FRENCH/SPANISH BILATERAL RELATIONS: FOR MANY YEARS THERE HAVE BEEN NO BIG PROBLEMS BETWEEN FRANCE AND SPAIN, WHICH MAKES TRIPS SUCH AS THIS VERY EASY. LOPEZ RODO AND I HAVE AGREED ON MANY POINTS AND NEXT MONTH THIS WILL PERMIT US TO DEVELOP A MORE HARMONIOUS COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SPAIN WHICH HAS REACHED A VERY IMPRESSIVE LEVEL RECENTLY. C. FRENCH OPINION ON GIBRALTAR QUESTION: THE SPANISH POSITION SPELLED OUT BY LOPEZ RODO TO ME YESTERDAY IS NOT NEW BUT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME RECENT CHANGES THAT WOULD INDICATE THAT AN EVOLUTION IN THE POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES IS POSSIBLE. WHAT I WOULD WANT IS, ALWAYS KEEPING IN MIND THAT MY COUNTRY DESIRES TO HAVE FRIENDSHIPS HERE AND IN OTHER PLACES, THAT THIS IRRITATING MATTER BE RESOLVED WITH FLEXIBLE FORMULAS WHICH ARE NOT NECESSARILY VERY LEGALISTIC AND THAT THE ARRANGEMENT BE TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOTH PARTIES. IF CONTACTS EXIST, A ROAD TO A SOLUTION CAN ALWAYS BE FOUND.

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D. FRENCH ARMS SALES TO SPAIN: JOBERT SAID THAT HE HAD DEALT WITH COMMON INDUSTRIAL ASPECTS RELATED TO ARMAMENT QUESTIONS. HE CONFIRMED THAT THERE WAS AN AGREEMENT NOT ONLY CONCERNING ARMS SALES BUT ALSO INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION (CO-PRODUCTION) WITH A VOLUME THAT COULD REACH 4.5 BILLION PESETAS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF TANKS, SUBMARINES AND AIRCRAFT.

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